

WEATHER FORECAST.
Cloudy and warmer to-day; to-morrow rain; fresh south and southwest winds. Highest temperature yesterday, 48; lowest, 33. Detailed weather reports will be found on Editorial page.

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30 OTHER NATIONS JOIN ARGENTINA IN LEAGUE PROTEST

Assembly Forced to Compromise on Its Decision Regarding Amendments.

SUBJECT IS REOPENED

Barnes Insists on Declaration of Course in Respect to Bolshevism.

POLAND ALSO PROTESTS

Objects to Council's Delimitation of Plebiscite Area of Vilna.

By LAURENCE HILLS.

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GENEVA, Dec. 3.—Three other South American States have joined Argentina in protesting against the treatment accorded amendments yesterday, when, by a vote in which Argentina alone recorded a negative, the assembly decided that no amendments to the covenant be definitely acted upon at this session, but that hearings only on proposed amendments be held. As a result of to-day's protest the steering committee was obliged to compromise to-night through fear of Argentina withdrawing from the assembly. President Paul Hymens has informed the assembly that the whole subject of amendments would be reopened on Monday, and it is probable the entire question of amendments will come before the present session.

Argentina's position is that this assembly was convened for the purpose of amending the pact, meanwhile insisting upon consideration of her amendments changing the composition of the council of the league.

The failure of the league to deal with Europe's paramount question—the menace of Bolshevism—comes up for discussion in to-morrow's assembly, when George S. Barnes's motion demanding that the council state why it did not stop the Polish-Russian war and what it intends to do to prevent a recurrence of hostilities. The stormy protest of this conference, Mr. Barnes, representing British labor, refused to yield to the importunities of his French and British colleagues today to refrain from bringing up the Soviet question here, insisting that British labor and socialists throughout the world were demanding to know what the league was really worth. The possible elimination of Article X, continues to be agitated by many delegates.

Repercussion Probable.

That the league council finds itself in a ticklish position in this whole matter was emphasized to-day by two developments which are likely to have a repercussion in to-morrow's assembly meeting, which will be devoted not only to the Soviet question, but to the issue of the relative powers of the nations—the council and the assembly.

These developments were the Polish Government's note protesting against the council's delimitation of the plebiscite area of Vilna, contending that the area was too small to get a correct impression of the will of the inhabitants, and the instructions issued by the council that the international army's duty was merely to preserve order in the plebiscite area and if threatened with actual hostilities by the Bolsheviks it was to be withdrawn.

The council seems to be finding itself in a middle regarding its powers, due to the admitted vagueness of the covenant. "This is the basis of the dispute here, the real settlement of which depends largely upon the attitude the Harding Administration takes toward the league and its present organization: 'Is the council, as is a European Ministry, responsible to the assembly, or is it a sovereign co-ordinate body with the assembly?'"

The big Powers (represented in the council) support the latter view, but nobody here seems to know just what was in President Wilson's mind and in the minds of those who drew up this remarkable document in regard to this point. The result is that the committee, of which Henry D. Fisher is the chairman, will present a report at to-morrow's meeting in no wise "to formulate in explicit language the precise functions the council and the assembly respectively are expected to perform," but to provide a working basis for the present.

Council and Assembly Powers.

In conclusion the committee makes the following recommendation:

"The council and the assembly are each invested with particular powers and duties. Neither has jurisdiction to render a decision in a matter expressly committed to the other organ of the league. The assembly cannot reverse or modify a decision falling within the exclusive competence of the council, and the same attitude must be shown by the council in respect to the assembly's functions. Representatives sitting in the council and in the assembly render decisions as the representatives of their respective States, and in rendering decisions have no other standing except as such representatives."

The committee also finds it impossible to consider the assembly as a chamber of deputies and the council as an upper chamber, as in certain matters the council and the assembly will have identical rights, while in others each body has special rights. Nor can the council be considered as invested with executive and the assembly with legislative power, since the assembly also possesses executive prerogatives."

WILSON PLANS TO SPEAK FAREWELL TO CONGRESS

President's Desire to Appear in Person Not Formally Announced Yet—Is Physically Able for Effort.

By the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—President Wilson was represented to-day as being strongly desirous of appearing in person before Congress next week to deliver what will be his last annual message to that body. However, he has not yet made known his plans.

Both Secretary Tumulty and Rear Admiral Grayson, the President's physician, profess complete ignorance of Mr. Wilson's decision, and it is not expected that he will make it known until just before Congress is ready to receive his message next Tuesday.

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INSURANCE MEN COMBINE TO END MOTOR THEFTS

Annual Loss Is \$27,000,000 in New York City Alone, Say Estimates.

75 CARS STOLEN DAILY

Automobile Underwriter Detective Bureau Will Spend \$250,000 a Year.

THIEVES GETTING BOLDER

Mystery in Ultimate Destination of Thousands of Stolen Cars.

In an effort to end automobile thefts in New York city, which have reached such proportions as to entail a property loss estimated yesterday at more than \$27,000,000 a year, insurance companies have organized the Automobile Underwriters Detective Bureau. The bureau, which will cost the insurance companies \$250,000 annually, will cover the entire East, but its principal work will be in New York.

Records of the Police Department, made public yesterday for the first time, show to what a tremendous extent the business of stealing automobiles has progressed in New York. These records, taken day by day for the month of November, show that an average of seventy to seventy-five cars a day are driven from their stands at the street curb by some one other than their owners. The same records show that of these daily thefts only twenty to twenty-five of the cars are recovered by the police.

Automobile thieves have become so bold that they no longer take trouble to disguise stolen cars, an insurance agent said yesterday. They slap on a new number, drive to Philadelphia or Boston and sell to the first bidder for \$200 or \$300. The buyer gets a bill of sale, takes out a new license and one more car is added to the "missing car" list.

15,250 Car Thefts in Year.

At a rate of fifty cars a day in New York that are not recovered the total stolen for the year will be 15,250. Fixing the average value at \$1,500 the total value will be \$22,875,000. About 5,000 cars were stolen in 1919.

On behalf of the police it may be said that the month of November shows the greatest number of arrests and convictions of automobile thieves on record. The new bureau of the underwriters is awake to the alarming increase and the automobile squad has been enlarged. There are now eighteen detectives under Lieut. John Fitzpatrick whose entire time is devoted to motor car thefts.

Despite this activity, however, the thieves continue to reap a rich harvest. The new bureau of the underwriters is awake to the alarming increase and the automobile squad has been enlarged. There are now eighteen detectives under Lieut. John Fitzpatrick whose entire time is devoted to motor car thefts.

Mr. Sweetman is a wealthy land owner of the Long Island Sound. It is believed here he will be supported by a large number of Sinn Feiners representing moderate opinion.

Mr. Sweetman's idea is to bring about a cessation of bloodshed in the hope of attaining an atmosphere which will be better suited for political negotiations which are considered impossible as long as the extremists on both sides of the controversy are engaged in a struggle.

The uncompromising opposition or indifference of southern Ireland toward the home rule bill has been markedly affected by the amendments in the House of Lords, according to the Dublin correspondence of the London Times. The moderates of all parties admit that the substitution of joint sessions of the northern and southern Senates for a council in Ireland has improved the outlook, the council having been one of the most unpopular features of the bill.

If it were possible, insurance men said, the companies would eliminate automobile theft policies altogether. Their loss this year are enormous, and in part, as was pointed out yesterday, it is their own fault for being "too indulgent."

Made Careless by Insurance.

Persons who are insured for the full value of their cars cannot be made to take precautions. Frequently they welcome the loss, especially when the automobile, like Potash and Perlmutter's, has become "more of a liability than an asset."

There were 17,529 automobiles registered in New York city in 1919. The number this year will run over 200,000 and about 50 per cent. of these are insured. The policy covers fire, theft, damage from collision and personal liability. Car owners are pledged when they take out a policy to keep their cars locked when they leave them standing on the street.

What becomes of the thousands of cars that disappear?

"If you could answer that question," an insurance adjuster told a reporter for THE NEW YORK HERALD, "it would be worth \$1,000,000 to you. I have been following in this business ever since automobiles were invented and I don't know where these stolen cars go any more than you do."

The best results in recovering stolen automobiles, the adjuster said, are obtained by advertising in the newspapers. A reward, usually about 10 per cent. of the value of the car, is offered for information leading to its recovery and the arrest of the thief. A number of persons, mechanics, garage helpers, etc., are making quite a profitable business of watching the motor numbers of cars in this business ever since automobiles were invented and I don't know where these stolen cars go any more than you do."

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